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MINUTES
— OF THE —
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE,
Leaf River
Baptist
Association.

Held With
ROCKY CREEK CHURCH
Greene County, Miss., October 15, 16, and 17, 1898.

OFFICERS.

Thos. Havard, Moderator Mullett, Greene Co., Miss.
J. L. Davis, Clerk and Treasurer, Augusta, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

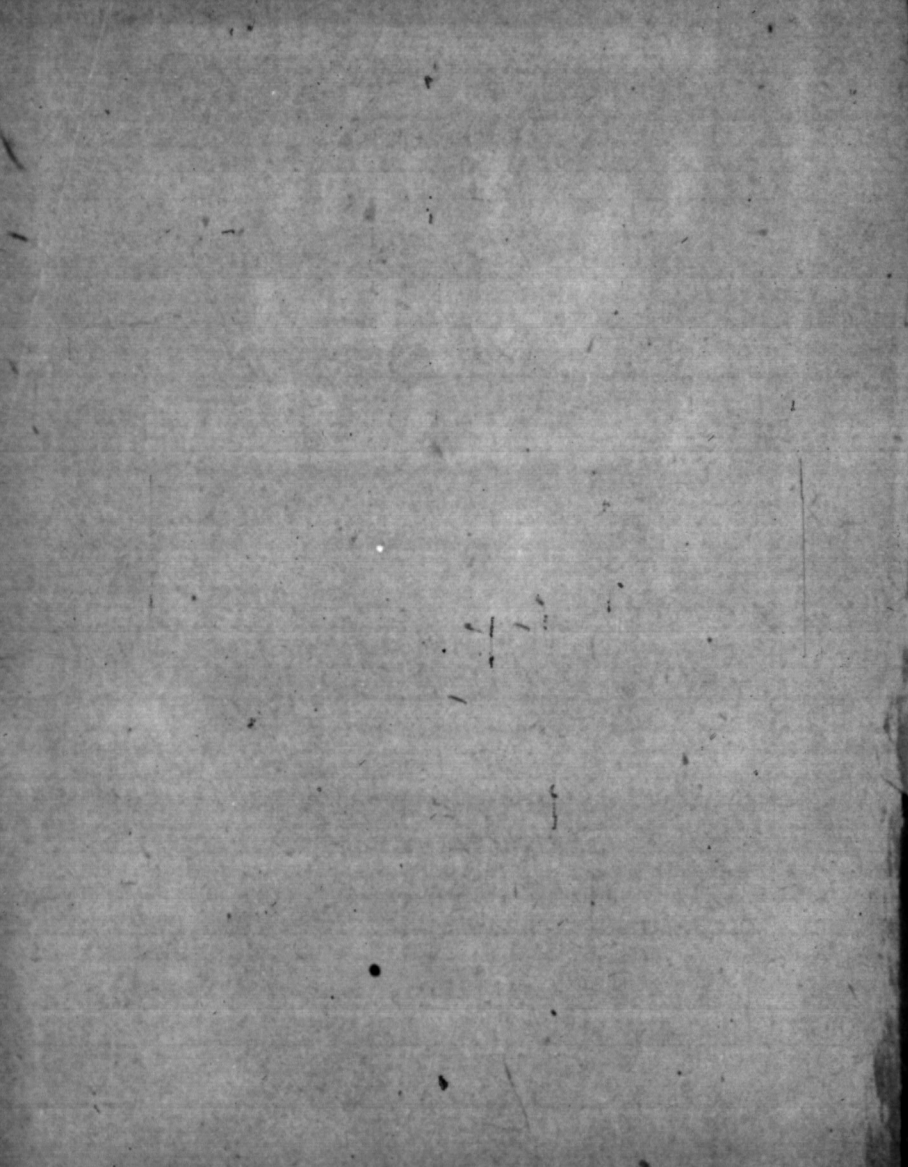
ELDER THOMAS HAVARD,	Mullett, Miss.
ELDER P. G. HILLMAN,	Kittrell, Miss.
ELDER R. W. PRINE,	Grafton, Miss.
ELDER ALEXANDER BRELAND,	Leaksville, Miss.
ELDER J. P. GRIFFIN,	Pearce, Ala.
H. N. SMITH,	Adamsville, Miss.
D. B. BOOTH,	Mullett, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

N. B. BRELAND,	W. W. WALLY.	J. W. BEARD.
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MINUTES

of the

Leaf River Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

The Leaf River Baptist Association met Oct. 15, 1898, with Rocky Creek church, Greene County, Mississippi, and the open services were conducted by Elder Alexander Breland, prayer by Elder A. M. Sheppard, and the introductory sermon preached by Elder Thomas Havard, using the 15th verse of 16th chapter of St. Mark—"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"—and spoke for some time in his usually eloquent way. Half hour was given for recess, and the delegates assembled in the house and were called to order by the moderator, prayer by Rev. D. B. Booth and the body was declared in order for business.

Elder A. M. Sheppard and Bro. J. L. Prine were appointed reading clerks. Bro. C. P. Smith and E. W. L. Davis, with the deacons of the church, were appointed a committee on preaching. J. Kittrell, J. E. Miller and L. H. Eubank were appointed a committee on finance:

Call for church letters, when the following were presented and their names enrolled:

Macedonia—T. W. Brannan, John Whatly, Henry Welford.

Mt. Pizgab—Albert Davis, Luke Lott, James Beard.

Pleasant Hill—D. C. Turner, J. F. Brewer, G. W. West.

Washington—D. F. Bradley, Alexander Breland, James C. Hillman.

Enon—E. W. L. Davis, N. McLain.

Sweet Water—Osborn Turner, Osborn Hillman, Manson Ball.

Cedar Grove—R. W. Davis, G. W. Smith, J. Kittrell.

Holmes—J. W. Beard, James Irkwood, C. A. Ball.

Salem—S. I. Green, J. T. Megritt, M. E. Pipkin.

Oak Grove—J. E. Miller, J. D. Williams, S. R. Churchwell.

Rocky Creek—D. B. Booth, Thomas Havard, J. H. Eubank.

New Hope—Wm. French, S. Busby, John Parker.

Fellowship—H. N. Smith, C. P. Smith, G. H. Neal.

Sand Hill and Fair Hope not represented.

Call for petitionary letters, and J. W. Beard presented a letter from Holmes church.

On motion it was received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the moderator.

Call for correspondence, Bros. John and J. W. Williams from Macedonia Association, Elder H. C. Mason from Chickasaw Association, Elder A. G. Whit from Red Creek Association and Bro. Brannan from Southeastern Association presented themselves as messengers and were received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the moderator.

An election was held for officers of the body and Bros. John and J. W. Williams were appointed tellers and Elder Thomas Havard was chosen moderator and J. L. Davis clerk and treasurer.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Education—Albert Davis, John Parker, G. H. Neal.

On Tribute of Respect—P. G. Hillman, A. M. Sheppard, Alexander Breland.

On Missions—J. W. Beard, A. G. Whit, A. M. Sheppard, R. W. Prine.

On Sabbath Schools—Osborn Turner, Osborn Hillman, R. W. Davis, Sanford Busby.

On Temperance—G. W. Smith, H. N. Smith, J. Kittrell, D. B. Booth.

On State of Religion—J. C. Hillman, Alexander Breland, L. H. Eubank, John W. Williams, R. W. Prine, John Whatly, T. W. Brannan, Luke Lott.

On Queries and Requests—E. W. L. Davis, D. B. Booth, P. G. Hillman, R. W. Prine, A. M. Sheppard, M. E. Pipkin.

Moved to adjourn until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.
Prayer by R. W. Prine.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

Elders Mason, Sheppard, Hillman, Smith, Prine, Dodds and Whit all preached as arranged by the committee to large and much interested congregations and we trust that the Son of Man was lifted up to dying men and that much good was accomplished.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Monday, October 17, 1898.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. A song of praise was sung, prayer offered by Elder P. G. Hillman.

Rules of decorum read, rolls called and absentees noted.

MESSENGERS APPOINTED TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

TO SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION—Brother Albert Davis, D. B. Booth, to write, W. H. Finch.

TO MACEDONIA ASSOCIATION—E. W. L. Davis, to write, G. W. Smith.

TO RED CREEK ASSOCIATION—P. G. Hillman, to write, A. C. Breland.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION—J. L. Davis, to write, R. W. Prine, J. L. Prine.

MOBILE ASSOCIATION—C. P. Eubank, to write, J. L. Jack-J. R. Parker.

Moved to appoint the executive board to serve for the ensuing year, which is as follows: Enon, E. W. Davis; Sand Hill, W. D. Mills; Fellowship, C. P. Smith; Cedar Grove, C. L. Kittrell; Pleasant Hill, J. F. Brewer; Fairhope, W. J. Jordan; Washington, Ras Moody; Sweetwater, C. C. Brewer; Oak Grove, John Williams; Salem, E. E. Black; Mt. Pizgab, Albert Davis; Holmes, J. W. Beard; Rocky Creek, C. P. Eubank; Macedonia, T. W. Brannan; New Hope, J. R. Parker.

The body received Bro. H. C. Mason, a traveling missionary from Chickasabay Association. He preached for us and was given \$4.80.

It was then moved to adjourn to meet with Sweetwater Church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1899. We sung "My Christian Friends in Bonds of Love." We shook each other by the hand, hoping to meet that great association that never adjourns and pleasure never ends. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. D. B. Booth, after which we all left for home remembering the good people of Rocky Creek and their hospitality.

THOMAS HAVARD, Moderator.
J. L. DAVIS, Clerk.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

SABBATH SCHOOLS (A).

We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report: We find only one Sabbath School and that at Cedar Grove.

Dear brethren—We should be aroused to a greater sense of duty and get about our business and at once organize Sunday Schools and prayer meetings in our churches, and it is a special duty of pastors to devolve it upon the churches to get to work after we have taken hold of every inducement we can. Our people yet have not too much knowledge of the Master's cause. It stimulates them to be better Christians, better citizens, and

enlightens them as to the great importance of missions. Oh, dear brethren! Just think about the reports from the different churches and the mission cause. Dear brethren, if we are missionaries let us prove what we are by our works. We pray to God that at the next meeting of this association that these causes will not be so neglected.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death;
He enters Heaven with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
OSBORN TURNER, Chairman.

EDUCATION (B).

We your committee on education beg leave to submit the following report: We consider the subject to be one of great importance and there is great responsibility resting on parents, the patrons of schools, the citizens of neighborhoods. The county, state or nation, church, or any organization that falls behind in educational matters may expect to take or accept subordinate positions. We, therefore, recommend that we should be very careful in selecting our teachers or instructors and that our people patronize as far as possible institutions in our own land, and in our own denominational schools in preference to any other. Education is worth more than wealth.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. PARKER, Chairman.

ON TRIBUTE OF RESPECT (C).

We, your committee on tribute of respect, beg leave to make the following report: We note that some have passed away since we last met, but we sorrow not, as those who have no hope, "for blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." While we see their faces no more on earth and have lost their sympathy and companionship, we trust that our loss is their eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted,
P. G. HILLMAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE, MARKED (D).

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report the following: This great question should attract our attention and cause us to work to put down the great evil from among our children. Paul says: "Be ye temperate in all things in eating and drinking." But while so many church members lay hold on drunkenness and take part in the same, how can we expect our young men to abstain from the use of

spirituous liquors. We understand temperance to mean restriction, if a man cannot be temperate in drinking he should abstain from the use of intoxicating drink. Dear brethren we should use the greatest precaution when we go to the ballot box in electing for the different offices in the county, state and national elections. Dear brethren let us go to work at once and show our faith by our works and let our light shine that others will quit the evil habits of drinking strong drinks and be temperate in many other things. The God of Heaven says: "Cursed is the man that putteth the bottle to his neighbors mouth." Then how careful ought we to be, and especially preachers, when we know of so many orphans and widows are left to weep and mourn on account of strong drink.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. BOOTH, Chairman.

ON STATE OF RELIGION MARKED, (E).

We, your committee on state of religion, beg leave to report the following: There have been some revivals among our people during the last two years, yet we feel that there is not as much life and activity among us as should be. God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in the spirit and in truth. Let all of our ministers study to show themselves approved of God. We believe that they should pray earnestly for the power of the Holy Spirit that they might come to their people in the fullness of the gospel. Our people should endeavor to let their light shine, and by the exercise of the christian grace glorify that God in whom we trust.

J. C. HILLMAN, Chairman.

ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS, MARKED (F).

We, your committee on queries and requests, beg leave to submit the following report: We find no queries and only two requests. We recommend that the next meeting be held at Sweet Water Church, Greene county, Miss., and that R. W. Prine preach the introductory sermon, and D. B. Booth his alternate.

E. W. L. DAVIS, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The report of the treasurer of the Leaf River Association received of the association \$34.55. Paid printer \$18.00, clerk \$10.00, express \$1.50, postage and stationery \$1.25, balance remaining in treasury \$4.20.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. DAVIS, Treasurer.

ON MISSIONS, MARKED (H).

We, your committee on missions, beg leave to make the following report: We are sorry to state that we have accomplished but little on account of limited means. We urge the brethren to awake to their duty and responsibility of so great a work, and suggest this association appoint a new board to supervise and carry on the great work in our bounds in whatever way may seem best to them. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. BEARD, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LEAF RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Collected for the year 1897 \$47.40, and paid the same to Elder Thomas Havard for mission work. Collected for 1898, \$42.55, and paid \$41.70 to Elder Thomas Havard for mission work. Remaining in treasury 85 cents. Respectfully submitted.

J. L. DAVIS, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Report of Thomas Havard, missionary for 1897: Preached forty-seven sermons, traveled 340 miles, worked thirty-three days, visited one hundred and thirteen families, baptized eight; organized one church, ordained two deacons, received of board \$47.40. Report for 1898. Preached seventy-three sermons, traveled 295 miles, visited one hundred and forty families, worked thirty-one days, received \$41.70.

THOMAS HAVARD, Missionary.

We your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows:

Received from the church.....	\$28 25
Sabbath collections.....	13 17
Remaining in treasury.....	4 20
Total.....	\$45 62

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, we have 300 copies of minutes printed for churches and for distribution, and that the clerk superintend the printing of the same and that he be allowed the sum of \$12.50 for services as clerk and treasurer.

Bro. J. Kittrell offered the following resolution: That the thanks of this association are due and are hereby tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of Rocky Creek church for their kindness and hospitality to us during our stay among them.

Moved and carried that the moderator and clerk be added to the executive board.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of faith, being convinced of the necessity and utility of a combination of churches of the same faith and order, do agree to unite ourselves into an association upon the following principles:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there is a trinity of persons in the Godhead; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one and the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2d. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by God; that they are of divine authority; that they contain the whole of the divine will and purposes as revealed to man, and that they are the only standard of divine truth and the only and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the fall of Adam, and in him all his posterity; the total corruption of man's moral nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe in the everlasting love of God in His people in the eternal and unconditional election of all His spiritual children to grace and glory.

5th. We believe by the everlasting covenant, grace is treasured up in Christ to insure the generation, sanctification, preservation and preservice of all God's people, so that none of them shall be finally lost.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

7th. We believe that there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus, who by the sanctification he has made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath forever redeemed his people from under the curse of the law that they might be accepted in the beloved.

8th. We believe that good works are not meritorious; that they are the fruits of faith and follow after justification; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and the happiness of the righteousness and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10th. We believe that foot washing is an example practiced by Christ, and that it is a duty to practice it.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1st. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep a Godly discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

2nd. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and law-giver of His church, and the government is with the body, the Church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3rd. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in His church until His second coming.

4th. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5th. We believe nothing but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's supper.

6th. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinance of the gospel, and to give themselves as members of the visible church.

7th. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrine contrary to the scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Leaf River Baptist Association.

2nd. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3rd. They shall produce letters certifying to their appointments by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceding Associational year, with the total number of fellowship, and such other statistical matter as the Association may direct.

4th. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the members present; said Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association until a new election takes place, and while in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5th. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6th. Each church shall have three delegates, and no more, who shall be entitled to seats in the body and to vote. All ministers of the same faith and order are invited to seat with us, to aid us in counsel.

7th. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be to merely explain the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8th. Every motion made and seconded shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9th. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded in the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10th. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11th. Only one member shall speak at the time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12th. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

13th. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any subject in debate, the Chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat and put the question to the body.

14th. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but appeal from such decisions may be taken to the whole which shall decide without debate.

15th. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as other members when the vote is taken.

16th. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17th. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18th. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19th. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when thought necessary.

20th. The minutes shall be read, carefully corrected and

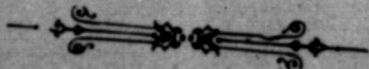
- 22d. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 23rd. Immediately after the organization of the Association the Rules of Order shall be read from the Chair.
- 24th. The foregoing shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.
- 25th. No church shall be received into this Association which opposes foot washing.

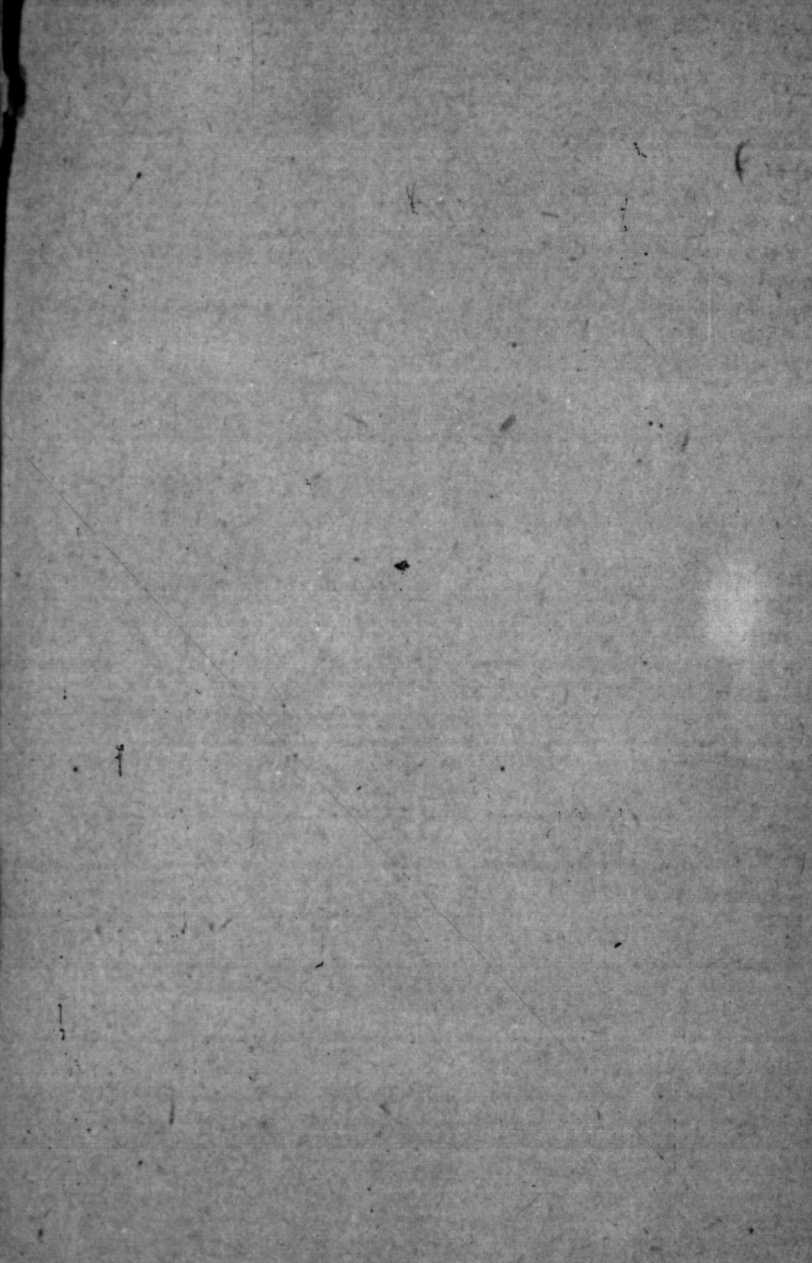
FORM OF LETTER.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
..... County.

Regular Baptist Church at.....
We insert name of church, to Leaf River Association, Greeting:

BRETHREN:—We again prepare to meet you by letter and by
ates, and for this purpose have chosen our beloved brethren,
with you in council, to whom we refer you for any information
contained in our statistical table, which is as follows:
tized.; received by letter....; restored; dismissed
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	PASTORS	POST-OFFICE	COUNTY.	BAPTISED					T ¹ Fellowship					Assoc ¹ P ¹ poses	
					BY LETTER	RESTORED	Dis ¹ ed by letter	Expelled	Dead	No. Minutes						
Washington..	Alex. Breland, P. G. Hillman, J. C. Hillman.	M. D. Harrison	Kitrell	Greene.	18	4	1	14	1	2	90	30	63 00			
New Hope..	Wm. French, S. Bushby, J. R. Parker.	Thos. Hayward.	Howell	Jackson	1				2		20	15	1 75			
Pleasant Hill	R. W. Prine	A. M. Shoppard	Janet	Greene	17						41	15	2 00			
Cedar Grove	J. Kitrell, G. W. Smith, R. W. Davis.	A. Breland.	Leakvill	Greene	3						27	15	2 50			
Rocky Creek	D. B. Booth, T. Hayward, L. H. Embanks.	D. B. Booth.	Wullett	Greene							89	25	3 00			
Oak Grove	J. E. Miller, J. L. Williams, S. R. Churchwell.	P. G. Hillman	Scott	Greene	2				1		12	6	1 50			
Fellowship..	H. N. Smith, C. P. Smith, G. H. Neal.	J. D. Smith.	Adamsville	Greene	3	6	11				84	10	2 00			
Salena	J. L. Davis, M. E. Pipkin	C. M. Breland	Lea	Greene	13	1					80	12	1 00			
Holmes	J. W. Beard, J. Irkwood, C. A. Ball.	Thos. Hayward.	Vernal	Greene	4	6					10	4	75			
Sweet Water	Osburn Turner, Osburn Hillman, Manson Ball.	Alex Breland.	Leakvill	Greene	4						88	35	5 00			
Macedonia..	T. W. Brannan, John Whately, H. Welford.	J. E. Brunson	Mullett	Greene	4						58	10	2 50			
Enon.....	E. W. L. Davis, N. McLain.	A. G. Whit.	Avera	Greene	9	3			2		36	6	1 25			
Mt. Pisgah.	Albert Davis, Luke Lott, Will Beard.	Alex Breland.	Escho	Greene	2	2	1		1		29	20	2 00			
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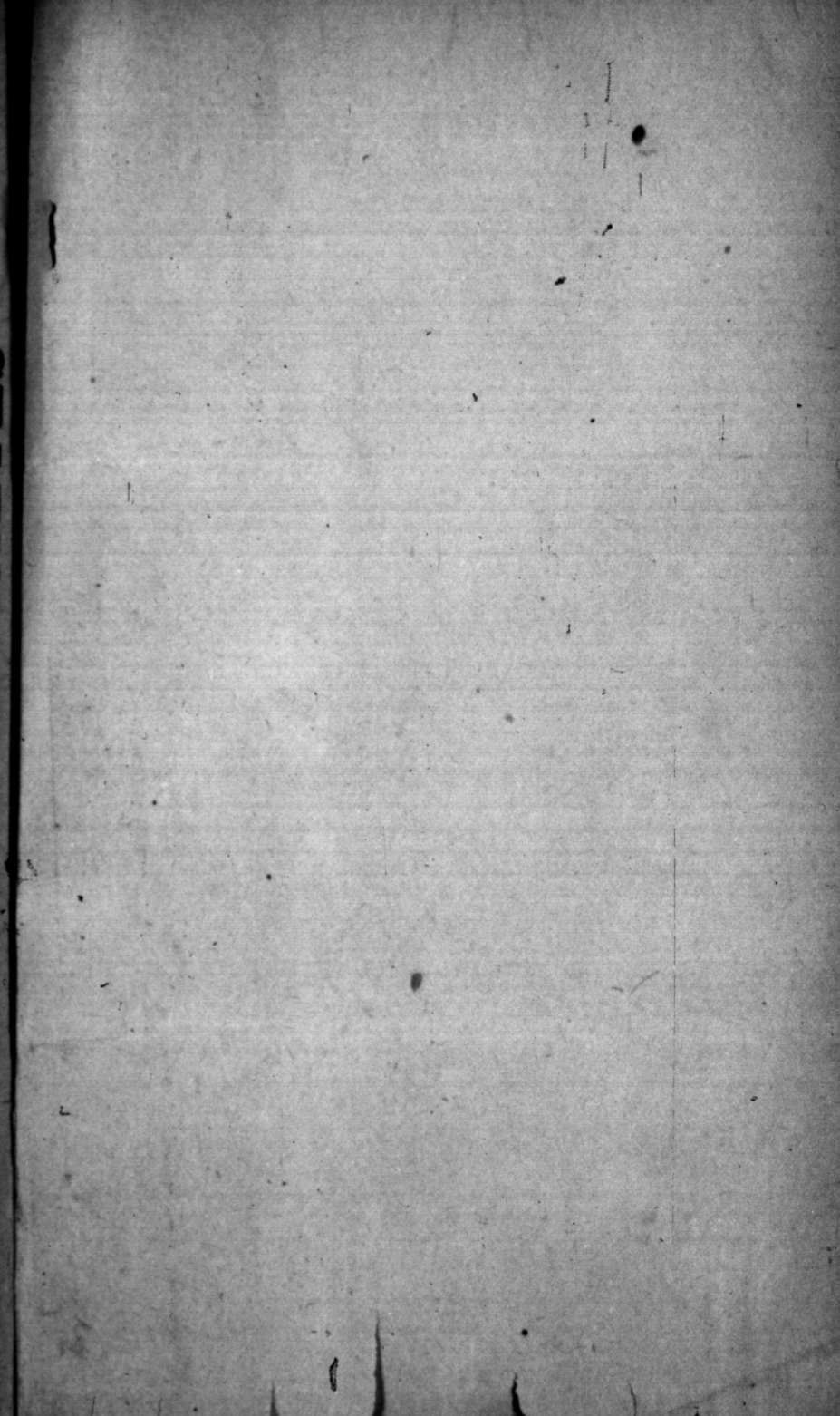
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MINUTES

OF THE

....LEAF RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION....

First Day's Session.

The Leaf River Baptist Association convened today, October 19, 1901, in her eleventh annual session with New Hope Church, Jackson county, Miss.

The weather was fine and everything seemed to indicate a pleasant and harmonious meeting. The brethren began to gather and pass cordial greetings.

At 11 o'clock we assembled in the church and a song of praise was sung, and prayer offered by Elder R. B. Lee, and the introductory sermon preached by the same, using for a text the 44th verse of the second chapter of the Prophecy of Daniel, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever."

Recess was taken for one hour, and after feasting on a sumptuous dinner presented by the good people of New Hope church, the delegates assembled in the house, the Moderator in the chair. A song of praise was sung and prayer offered by Bro. Jeff Lott, and the body declared in order for business by the Moderator.

Elder A. M. Sheppard, J. Kittrell and E. E. Roberts was appointed a committee on finance.

Bros. C. M. Breland and R. B. Lee was appointed reading clerks.

Call For Church Letters—And the following named delegates presented their letters:

Fair Hope Church—W. R. Lott, A. J. Sylvester and Thos. Furguson.

Washington Church—Not represented.

Macedonia Church—Not represented.

Oak Grove Church—Not represented.

Fellowship Church—A. J. Easley, W. J. Neal, C. P. Smith.

Salem Church—J. L. Davis, A. M. Sheppard, E. E. Black.

Cedar Grove Church—J. Kittrell and S. R. Breland.

Mt. Pizgah—Albert Davis, Luke Lott and Will Beard

Rocky Creek Church—D. B. Booth, Thomas Havard and L. M. Havard.

New Hope Church—W. H. Finch, S. Busby and J. R. Parker.

Sweet Water Church—Sam Ball, G. W. Busby and G. W. Williams.

Buffalo Church—R. B. Lee, H. I. Roberts and J. R. Harvison.

Sand Hill Church—D. F. Blackstrom, J. C. Roberts and E. E. Roberts.

Enon Church—E. W. L. Davis, and John Meadows.

Pleasant Hill Church—R. W. Prine, J. K. Roberts and A. J. Bradley.

Call for petitionary letters, and Elder C. M. Breland presented one from Merrill church, which was received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator and the delesates seated.

Call for correspondence and Elder Jeff Lott presented a letter from Red Creek Association, which was received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator on behalf of the body.

The body then held an election for officers for the ensuing year, and Bros. J. B. Dodd and Jeff Lott were appointed tellers to take the vote. Elder R. W. Prine was elected moderator, and J. L. Davis clerk and treasurer.

Rules of decorum was read by the clerk.

Bros. Albert Davis, C. M. Breland and the deacons of the church was appointed a committee on preaching.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Education—A. M. Sheppard, H. I. Roberts, D. B. Booth, A. J. Bradley and S. R. Breland.

On Missions—E. W. L. Davis, G. W. Busby, Thos. Havard and J. L. Jackson.

On Sabbath Schools—R. B. Lee, E. E. Roberts, J. R. Parker, W. J. Neal, J. F. Backstrom and J. B. Dodd.

On Temperance—C. M. Breland, W. R. Lott, Jeff Lott and S. W. Ball.

On Querries and Requests—J. K. Roberts, J. L. Jackson J. C. Roberts and Thos. Havard.

On State of Religion—R. W. Prine, J. L. Davis and J. Kittrell.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS APPOINTED TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Ebenezer Association—J. L. Davis to write A. M. Sheppard.

Southeastern Association—Albert Davis, J. L. Jackson and R. W. Prine to write D. B. Booth and C. M. Breland.

Red Creek Association—Thos. Havard to write D. B. Booth, J. L. Jackson, C. M. Breland and J. L. Davis.

Macedonia Association—E. W. L. Davis to write R. W. Prine, E. E. Roberts, R. B. Lee, Albert Davis, D. B. Booth and C. M. Breland.

Moved to adjourn until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Second Day's Session.

SABBATH SERVICES—Elders A. M. Sheppard, Jeff Lott, D. B. Booth and J. B. Dodd Preached as arranged by the committee to large and attentive audiences, and we believe that the gospel was preached in its purity, and we have cause to believe that it was received in honest faithful hearts, and that ere long it will bear fruit to the glory of God, and we trust to the salvation of souls. We are glad that we have brethren who are not ashamed to declare the whole counsel of God.

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Third Day's Session.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21, 1901.

The body met at 9 o'clock pursuant to adjournment. A song of praise was sung, Prayer by Elder C. M. Breland. Roll called and absentees noted.

Bro. J. B. Dodd was appointed to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock.

REPORT OF PREACHING COMMITTEE.

Report of Preaching Committee received and marked (a). Your committee report Elder A. M. Sheppard preach at the church Saturday night, and Bro. Jeff Lott at 11 o'clock on Sunday. After one hour's intermission D. B. Booth to preach. J. B. Dodd to preach on Sunday night. We recommend Elder A. M. Sheppard to preach the next introductory, C. M. Breland his alternate.

C. M. BRELAND, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION RECEIVED, MARKED (B)

We, your committee on education, do report as follows: We must educate or we must die. Brethren if we expect to keep abreast of the times, and take the world for Christ, we must educate our young ministers, and thus equip them for efficient work. We consider it one of the most important causes that we should foster. The world is moving on to a higher plain of education. There are schools being established in every town, village and hamlet of our country, and to keep up with this we must send men to the field well equipped with a good education to preach to people who in this day are informed on all current issues. We must meet the demand of the times. We want eloquence in the sacred stand, that eloquence which consists in a capacity of expressing by the voice, attitude, gestures, and countenance the emotions of the heart. When true eloquence is carried into the sacred stand, how elevated is the subject of the passions of the cross. With what animated zeal can the preacher call on his hearers to open a highway for their God? With what rapture can he burst from the gloom of types and figures into the brightness of that everlasting gospel which brought life and immortality to light through the gospel? With what heavenly joy can he hail the star in the east, and with what semblance of reality may he lead the imaginations of his

audience to a sight of the Babe in the manger? If he feel such subjects he must be eloquent and irresistible.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. BOOTH, Chairman,

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

May the God of heaven help us in the mission work. Now brethren, let us all go to work with our prayers and means with one united effort, and we have the promises of God to assist us. So if we do this with the price of faith we can turn the devil out of this country. So brethren let us go deep into our means, and put men into the field.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. BUSBY, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS RECEIVED AND MARKED (E).

We find that there are six Sunday schools in this association, though only two were reported in the associational letter. Brethren this work should occupy a foremost place in our hearts, for it is in the Sunday school that in many instances the first thoughts of our Saviour are impressed on many minds. To have a live church there should be connected with it a progressive Sunday school, for out of the Sunday schools the churches gather most of their new members, and increased working forces the churches of this association. now without Sunday schools, are urged to start this work at once, and in a very short time they will see the beneficial results of having a Sunday school connected with church work. The Sunday school work is a grand work, and our church members and parents especially, should take a more active interest in it than they are now doing. It is a sad truth that very few parents attend the exercises of the Sunday school, and they leave the spiritual education of their children entirely to the teachers and officers of the school. This is not as it should be. Parents ought to encourage their children's attendance by example. Let the fathers and mothers connected with the churches of this association, from this time on, encourage their children and those who have charge of the Sunday schools, by their attendance at these services. We recommend that the Bible be used as the text book in our Sunday schools, and recommend all our

schools to use the literature published by the Southern Baptist convention. Respectfully submitted,
R. B. LEE, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE RECEIVED AND MARKED (F).

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to say that we fear that the great monster, intemperance, is becoming more frequent in our midst, in our midst do we hear the howls and groans of those who take strong drink. We hear the pistol shoot, we hear of crimes being done, we see the wife weep, we see the mother in her sorrow, we see the man whose character is blighted and after a while whose soul is lost, all of which is done because some one has said its no harm to take the social drink. The dread of intemperance should cause us, as christians, to work and pray for this great evil to be removed far from us. The way to teach intemperance is to abstain from intoxicants or the use of ardent, spirituous or malt liquors ourselves. Wine is a mocker. Strong drink is dangerous, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Look not upon the wine when it giveth its color in the cup; touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean things. There is nothing that degrades mankind more than the use of the detestable stuff. It causes widows and orphans, fills jails and penitentiaries, breaks the mother's heart and brings tears from her eyes, and causes great confusion in our churches. We urge upon our churches the importance of a rigid discipline of members and preachers that so forget themselves as to indulge in the use of intoxicants as a beverage or indorse the sale of the accursed stuff in any way.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. BRELAND, Chairman.

QUERRIES AND REQUESTS.

We, your committee on querries and requests, beg leave to submit the following as our report: We find no querries, but we are happy to see so many of our churches interested in the association. We have three requests, one from Fairhope, one from Rocky Creek Church and one from Buffalo Church. We recommend that the next session be held with Buffalo Church, Green county, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. JACKSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION RECEIVED AND MARKED (H).

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: We note that there have been accessions to some of our churches during the past year, yet we are painfully conscious of a lack of that spiritual life which would make our churches indeed the light of the world. Brethren we feel that the one great need of our churches is the abiding presence of tho Holy Spirit to this end. We would recommend that our people pray and work and live. Ministers of the Leaf River Association, we earnestly appeal to you that you spare no effort in your endeavor to give us the gospel in the fulness of its power. Brethren, one and all, will you not pray, will you not labor, will you not live, will you not do all in your power to bring our churches to a higher standard of christian life and spiritual power, that we may all be made to rejoice together in the goodness of our God. Brethren, again we say, let us stand together and uphold the banner of our King.

J. L. DAVIS, Chairman.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that we have 350 copies of minutes printed for the churches and distribution. and that the clerk superintend the printing of same, and that he be allowed the sum of \$15.00 for his services as clerk and treasurer of the association.

J. KITTRELL.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Received from the churches.....	\$30 75
Sabbath collections.....	23 35
Sent in from churches.....	1 25
Total in Treasury	\$55 35

We have examined the treasurer's books, and find them correct.

J. KITTRELL,
A. M. SHEPPARD,
E. E. ROBERTS.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF LEAF RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Collected during the year.....	\$51 75
Paid to R. W. Prine.....	19 10
Paid to Bro Alex Breland.....	9 00
Paid to Bro. Havard.....	7 50
Remaining in treasury.....	16 15

Respectfully,
J. L. DAVIS, Treasurer.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association, that it is best to continue the mission work as it has heretofore been done. That it be the duty of the moderator to appoint one member from each church in the association. That said board shall consist of the members thus appointed together with the moderator and clerk of the association.

J. L. DAVIS.

Bro. S. C. Shannon was with us on Sunday, and give the Sunday school a nice talk. They have a fine school, with Bro. J. R. Parker superintendent. Pleasant Hill church reports a Sunday school. No others reported.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due, and are hereby extended to the brethren, sisters and friends in the vicinity of New Hope church, and we assure you that your kind hospitality will ever be remembered and find a warm resting place in our hearts. We feel thankful that our association has been so fortunate in meeting with such good brethren sisters and friends. J. Kittrell moved to adjourn to meet with Buffalo church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1902. Minutes read and approved; we sung "Our Christian Friends in Bonds of Love," and shook each other's hand trusting in God that we will meet on the shores of deliverance where parting is no more.

R. W. PRINE, Moderator.
J. L. DAVIS, Clerk.



CONSTITUTION.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of faith, being convinced of the necessity and utility of a combination of churches of the same faith and order, do agree to unite ourselves into an association upon the following principles:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there is a trinity of persons in the Godhead; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; one and the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2d. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by God; that they are of divine authority; that they contain the whole of the divine will and purposes as revealed to man, and that they are the only standard of divine truth and the only and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the fall of Adam, and in him all his posterity; the total corruption of man's moral nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe in the everlasting love of God in His people in the eternal and unconditional election of all His spiritual children to grace and glory.

5th. We believe by the everlasting covenant, grace is treasured up in Christ to insure the generation, sanctification, preservation and perseverance of all God's people so that none of them shall be finally lost.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

7th. We believe that there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus who by the sanctification he has made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath forever redeemed his people from under the curse of the law that they might be accepted in the beloved.

8th. We believe that good works are not meritorious, that they are the fruits of faith and follow after justification; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and the happiness of the righteousness and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10th. We believe that foot washing is an example practiced by Christ and that it is a duty to practice it.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1st. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep a Godly discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

2d. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and law-giver of His church, and the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3rd. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in His church until His second coming.

4th. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5th. We believe nothing but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6th. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinance of the gospel, and to give themselves as members of the visible church.

7th. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrine contrary to the scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. This association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Leaf River Baptist Association.

2d. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the association.

3rd. They shall produce letters certifying to their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceding associational year, with the total number of fellowship and such other statistical matters as the association may direct.

4th. This association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the members present; said Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding association until a new election takes place, and while in office shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5th. If new churches desire to be admitted into this association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6th. Each church shall have three delegates, and no more, who shall be entitled to seats in the body and to vote. All ministers of the same faith and order are invited to seats with us, to aid us in counsel.

7th. The association shall neither answer or debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be to merely explain the articles of faith of this association.

8th. Every motion made and seconded shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the association, except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9th. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded in the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10th. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11th. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association of any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12th. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

13th. The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any subject in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat and put the question to the body.

14th. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but appeal from such decisions may be taken to the whole which shall decide without debate.

15th. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition and the moderator shall vote as other members when the vote is taken.

16th. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator, subject to the approval of the association.

17th. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18th. No brother shall finally depart from the association without leave of the body.

19th. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when thought necessary.

20th. The minutes shall be read, carefully corrected and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association arises.

21st. A motion for final adjournment shall be constructed to involve the previous reading and in justment of the minutes.

22d. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

23rd. Immediately after the organization of the association the Rules of Order shall be read from the chair.

24th. The foregoing shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the association.

25th. No church shall be received into this association who opposes foot washing.

FORM OF LETTER.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
COUNTY.

The regular Baptist Church at (here insert name of church) to Leaf River Association, Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We again prepare to meet you by letter and by delegates, and for this purpose have chosen our beloved brethren

to sit with you in conneil, to whom we refer you for any information not contained in our statistical table, which is as follows:

Baptized; received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter; excommunicated; deceased; total in fellowship; number of copies of minutes; we send for associational purposes \$; for home missions \$; our supply is; time of meeting is; ordained ministers; licentiates our postoffice is; Remarks



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	BAPTIZED.	REC. BY LETTER.	RESTORED.	DIS. BY LETTER.	EXPULSED.	DEAD.	TO'L IN FFL'P.	NO. MINUTES.	ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.
Cedar Grove	S. R. Breland, J. Kittrell	Alex Breland	Leaksville	Greene	11	2				45	20	\$ 3 00	
Salem	J. L. Davis, A. M. Sheppard	A. M. Sheppard	Leat	Greene		1		2		35	20	\$ 2 50	
Mt. Pisgah	Albert Davis	R. W. Prine	Exsho	Ala						27	15	\$ 2 00	
Pleasant Hill	R. W. Prine, J. K. Roberts, A. J. Bradley	A. M. Sheppard	Janet	Greene	8	1				54	30	\$ 2 00	
Sweet Water	S. W. Ball, G. W. Busby	J. D. Harrison	Leaksville	Greene	7	1	1	5	1	90	35	\$ 4 00	
New Hope	W. H. Finch, S. Busby, J. R. Parker	C. M. Breland	Howell	Jackson	9	2		1		46	15	\$ 3 00	
Fellowship	W. J. Neal	A. J. Easley	Adamsville	Greene		2				27	10	\$ 2 00	
Rocky Creek	D. B. Booth, Thos Havard, L. M. Havard	C. M. Breland	Mullett	Greene				1		90	25	\$ 3 00	
Buffalo	R. B. Lee, H. I. Roberts	J. P. Merrill	Kittrell	Greene	2	4		2		27	15	\$ 1 50	
Fair Hope	W. R. Lott, A. G. Sylvester	E. E. Roberts	Augusta	Perry	1	1		3		54	25	\$ 2 25	
Enon	E. W. L. Davis, John Meadows	J. D. Harrison	Graton	Greene						24	6	\$ 1 50	
Sand Hill	D. F. Backstrom, J. C. Roberts, E. E. Roberts	J. D. Harrison	Graton	Greene	1			15		84	20	\$ 2 50	
Merrill	C. M. Breland	C. M. Breland	Merrill	Greene	2					18	10	\$ 1 50	
Washington	Not Represented									90			
Macedonia	Not Represented									50			
Oak Grove	Not Represented									12			
Total					40	14	6	7	23	10	621	246	\$30 75

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